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MISSOURI RURAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF ATTEND STATE TRAINING MEETING



Missouri Rural Development staff from across the state recently met in St. Louis, Missouri, for a state meeting.

Special guest speaker Gil Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, addressed the group and outlined the Rural Development's mission and the vision for the future. In addition, specific training was provided on new program initiatives and regulations to better serve rural Missouri. Training was given in the program fields of Guaranteed and Direct Housing, Multi-Family Housing, Business and Community programs, Construction and Inspections, Ethics and Leadership.

The Bush Administration's most recent emphasis includes increased Homeownership, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Preserve America, Improve Infrastructure, Create Quality Jobs and Value Added programs.

General questions about the USDA Rural Development programs are available by visiting the Rural Development's web site of www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo or by contacting your local Rural Development office.

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